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U.S. SEED EXPORTS DOWN

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

FROM PREVIOUS YEAR'S RECORD HIGH

U.S. seed exports reached 102.8 million pounds in the crop year ended June 30, 1965. This total was 14.6 million pounds below last year's record total of 117.4 million pounds. However, Census Bureau classifications were revised, effective January 1, 1965; this change resulted in discontinuance of "other" field and sugar beet seed classifications, so that data for these items represent only the July-December period.

Grass and legume seed exports of 63.3 million pounds, valued at \$15.6 million, accounted for 62 percent of the total volume exported. Leading markets for these seeds were Canada, France, Japan, and West Germany. Clover seed exports dropped about 50 percent and alfalfa shipments increased. Bentgrass, fescue, timothy, and Kentucky bluegrass seed exports were a little larger and "other" grasses somewhat smaller.

Canada, Mexico, the Netherlands, and Japan were our best markets for vegetable seeds, but except for the Canadian market, volumes were down from last year's.

Exports of both flower and corn seed showed marked increases over the previous crop year. Flower seed exports to Europe increased 45 percent, and the Netherlands, United Kingdom, and West Germany were the best U.S. markets. Larger shipments of corn seed to Canada and Mexico accounted for the 17 percent increase over those of the 1963-64 crop year.

With the exception of flower seeds, shipments of all seeds to EEC countries declined. Vegetable seed exports to those countries were 1.5 million pounds, valued at \$1.1 million, compared with 2.3 million pounds, at \$1.5 million, in 1963-64.

SEEDS: U.S. exports, quantity and value, averages 1950-54 and 1955-59,
and annual 1960 to 1964

Year (Beginning July 1)	Grass and Legume	Other field	Seed corn	Vege- table	Sugar beet	Flower	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Quantity							
1950-54	23,115	16,836	13,373	3,681	714	186	57,905
1955-59	40,989	11,204	23,595	4,380	483	238	80,889
Annual:							
1960	63,119	21,625	14,163	4,643	493	327	104,370
1961	49,379	26,408	14,251	5,468	460	335	96,301
1962	54,436	22,307	12,488	6,219	84	304	95,838
1963	66,485	27,635	15,942	6,839	213	302	117,416
1964	63,331	1/ 14,062	18,627	6,315	1/ 31	400	102,766
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars	dollars
Value							
Average:							
1950-54	6,557	650	1,008	2,466	132	394	11,207
1955-59	10,432	768	2,139	3,345	105	571	17,360
Annual:							
1960	12,750	1,198	1,503	4,244	114	728	20,537
1961	10,829	1,500	1,456	4,294	106	741	18,926
1962	11,613	1,637	1,226	5,511	21	744	20,752
1963	17,095	2,144	1,901	6,365	61	814	28,380
1964	15,569	1/ 1,246	2,376	6,094	1/ 9	878	26,172

1/ July-December; not classified separately, effective January 1, 1965.

Compiled from official statistics of Bureau of Census.

GRASS AND LEGUME SEEDS: U.S. exports by destination and value, July 1964-June 1965

Destination	Alfalfa		Clovers			Grasses									Total	Value
	Cert.	Uncert.	Ladino	Red	Other	Bent	Fescues	Kentucky blue	Ryegrasses		Timothy	Other				
									Annual	Perennial						
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 dollars	
North America:																
Bahamas	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	--	--	--	--	4	85	96	18	
Bermuda	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	33	35	8		
British Honduras	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	1	
Canada	3,688	253	514	25	254	399	456	570	125	653	2,273	3,205	12,415	3,871		
Costa Rica	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	140	140	23		
Dominican Republic	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	3	1		
El Salvador	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	1		
Guatemala	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	20	22	4		
Honduras	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	5	4		
Jamaica	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4	2		
Leeward Islands	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1		
Mexico	305	3,533	10	--	16	58	48	9	22	70	--	706	3,777	984		
Netherlands Antilles	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	10	1		
Nicaragua	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1		
Total	3,993	2,786	524	25	270	464	507	581	147	725	2,277	4,216	16,515	4,920		
South America:																
Argentina	1	4	5	271	937	8	293	11	--	388	2	394	2,314	455		
Bolivia	10	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	18	6		
Brazil	7	1	10	4	18	2	4	3	--	--	--	55	104	34		
Chile	22	24	65	--	--	--	3	2	--	206	--	313	635	150		
Colombia	32	5	7	6	12	--	12	2	129	160	--	153	518	74		
Ecuador	--	2	3	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	43	10		
Peru	9	--	2	3	3	--	--	--	--	9	--	15	41	16		
Uruguay	--	--	2	--	331	--	553	--	--	--	--	2	888	250		
Venezuela	--	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	22	32	17		
Total	81	48	94	284	1,306	10	865	18	132	763	2	990	4,593	1,012		
Europe:																
EEC:																
Belgium-Luxembourg	--	--	--	--	83	338	63	--	1	87	153	107	832	194		
France	37	--	527	--	323	520	1,229	72	--	3,362	782	4,474	11,326	1,598		
Germany, West	605	--	--	22	441	834	1,188	89	33	200	44	748	4,204	1,073		
Italy	--	165	158	--	132	134	186	--	181	312	79	1,923	3,270	424		
Netherlands	--	--	54	--	432	1,019	357	237	--	169	120	1,055	3,443	840		
Total EEC	642	165	739	22	1,411	2,845	3,023	398	215	4,130	1,178	8,307	23,075	4,129		
Austria	--	--	--	--	33	55	--	--	--	88	166	212	554	79		
Azores	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	2		
Denmark	1	--	--	--	--	262	12	--	--	33	--	209	517	110		
Finland	2	--	--	54	1	231	--	--	13	109	--	141	551	344		
Greece	196	--	1	1	2	--	5	--	--	4	2	2	213	99		
Iceland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4	1		
Ireland	--	--	--	--	32	70	146	--	--	--	399	22	669	161		
Norway	--	--	--	--	--	91	--	--	--	--	--	104	195	33		
Poland	772	131	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	903	360		
Portugal	--	--	--	--	--	9	5	--	--	--	--	--	14	4		
Rumania	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1		
Spain	11	6	16	--	31	--	19	--	--	--	27	95	205	66		
Sweden	345	--	--	--	--	878	45	--	--	--	--	12	1,280	432		
Switzerland	10	--	200	44	130	131	33	1	110	75	6	227	967	257		
Turkey	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	2		
United Kingdom	11	--	1	--	--	1,500	1,787	--	--	--	6	240	3,545	1,023		
Total	1,990	303	960	121	1,640	6,072	5,075	399	338	4,439	1,784	9,578	32,699	7,103		
Asia:																
Afghanistan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4	2		
Iran	--	--	--	--	59	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	59	10		
Israel	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1		
Japan	22	17	431	166	960	167	434	151	859	225	768	1,585	5,785	1,340		
Jordan	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1		
Korea, Republic of	1	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	4	37	46	13		
Lebanon	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	10	13	9		
Nansei Islands	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	5	--	7	14	4		
Pakistan	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1		
Philippine Republic	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	18	8		
Syria	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	1		
Taiwan	--	--	--	3	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	12		
Total	25	18	431	169	1,051	172	438	151	859	230	772	1,662	5,978	1,402		
Africa:																
Algeria	2	--	7	--	3	--	5	--	--	--	--	25	42	14		
Egypt	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	21	7		
Kenya	--	--	--	--	4	--	7	--	--	--	--	14	25	9		
Liberia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	3	2		
Nigeria	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	2		
South Africa, Rep.	--	--	37	2	3	--	102	--	10	19	--	128	301	62		
Tanzania	--	--	--	--	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	4		
Total	18	--	44	2	16	--	114	--	10	19	--	177	400	100		
Oceania:																
Australia	--	--	517	104	333	467	402	48	36	222	--	1,006	3,135	1,022		
French Pacific Islands	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	1		
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	18	8		
Total	--	--	517	104	338	467	402	48	36	222	--	1,021	3,155	1,031		
Grand total	6,107	3,155	2,570	706	4,621	7,187	7,398	1,196	1,521	6,395	4,834	17,641	63,331	15,569		
Total value (1,000 dollars)	2,762	939	1,456	451	1,339	2,120	1,620	662	170	528	1,016	2,506	15,569			

VEGETABLE SEEDS: U.S. exports by quantity and value,
July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965

Destination	Carrot	Onion	Sweet corn	Other vegetable	Total	Value
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars
North America:						
Bahamas	--	275	--	12,606	12,881	25,494
Barbados	1,536	--	--	2,809	4,345	7,479
Canada	97,429	69,594	947,412	466,194	1,580,629	968,554
Costa Rica	1,996	2,736	--	42,644	47,376	37,753
Dominican Republic	240	3,700	--	16,381	20,321	32,866
El Salvador	--	160	--	17,139	17,299	32,351
French West Indies	--	--	--	446	446	1,040
Guatemala	1,435	500	--	23,154	25,089	32,976
Haiti	1,664	2,132	--	4,803	8,599	16,923
Honduras	346	1,245	--	4,676	6,267	14,123
Jamaica	10,339	726	--	18,201	29,266	55,115
Leeward and Windward Islands	--	88	--	443	531	2,640
Mexico	35,099	27,083	54,829	397,417	514,428	756,394
Nicaragua	192	288	--	2,117	2,597	6,162
Panama	274	499	--	6,365	7,138	9,490
Trinidad	--	--	--	4,005	4,005	11,941
Other	--	--	600	1,106	1,706	1,512
Total	150,550	109,026	1,002,841	1,020,506	2,282,923	2,012,813
South America:						
Argentina	33,993	928	30,622	163,273	228,816	267,423
Bolivia	--	--	--	8,267	8,267	9,205
Brazil	32,101	24,628	--	102,933	159,662	210,116
British Guiana	--	--	--	760	760	1,784
Chile	--	--	7,255	22,014	29,269	36,942
Colombia	12,171	474	--	45,192	57,837	78,250
Ecuador	2,240	--	--	12,555	14,795	21,628
Paraguay	720	827	--	1,988	3,535	5,138
Peru	7,800	829	--	40,483	49,112	55,114
Surinam	--	--	--	2,908	2,908	5,024
Uruguay	4,454	4,742	2,522	22,821	34,539	42,687
Venezuela	15,466	12,229	--	131,124	158,819	284,124
Total	108,945	44,657	40,399	554,318	748,319	1,017,435
Europe:						
EEC:						
Belgium	--	--	--	3,635	3,635	3,150
France	--	784	681	307,758	309,223	245,351
Germany, West	1,547	790	--	286,984	289,321	214,051
Italy	900	6,168	7,111	140,065	154,244	225,205
Netherlands	51,650	39,941	1,052	400,144	492,787	372,615
Total EEC	54,097	47,683	8,844	1,138,586	1,249,210	1,060,372
Austria	--	2,538	--	2,596	5,134	14,357
Bulgaria	--	--	--	495	495	2,246
Czechoslovakia	--	441	--	1,445	1,886	2,436
Denmark	2,044	2,005	2,420	149,799	156,268	120,963
Greece	82	--	--	70,592	70,674	85,383
Hungary	--	--	--	4,796	4,796	4,388
Norway	4,400	--	--	--	4,400	3,895
Portugal	--	--	--	5,617	5,617	29,107
Spain	--	2,732	--	1,957	4,689	12,469
Sweden	--	--	18,754	32,697	51,451	27,528
Switzerland	--	700	1,308	6,816	8,824	13,004
United Kingdom	102,524	5,055	6,706	127,122	241,407	199,668
Other	--	220	--	1,070	1,290	2,418
Total	163,147	61,374	38,032	1,543,588	1,806,141	1,578,234

VEGETABLE SEEDS: U.S. exports by quantity and value, July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965 (Continued)

Destination	Carrot	Onion	Sweet corn	Other vegetable	Total	Value
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Dollars
Asia:						
Aden	--	--	--	3,072	3,072	2,846
Afghanistan	282	--	--	986	1,268	1,112
Arabia	--	--	--	835	835	2,205
Bahrein	--	--	--	1,642	1,642	3,338
Ceylon	200	--	--	4,258	4,458	6,493
Hong Kong	3,194	14,331	6,000	13,197	36,722	74,852
Iran	--	330	--	3,214	3,544	6,272
Iraq	--	--	--	203,943	203,943	200,738
Israel	6,247	2,339	7,484	5,796	21,866	29,094
Japan	40,225	3,081	290,535	69,228	403,069	195,849
Jordan	440	168	--	33,193	33,801	83,956
Korea, Republic of	708	--	--	1,010	1,718	3,090
Kuwait	--	--	--	707	707	2,031
Laos	--	601	594	12,368	13,563	9,684
Lebanon	--	--	--	41,112	41,112	64,031
Nansei	3,400	720	--	8,257	12,377	13,605
Philippine Republic	2,177	35,534	10,672	14,217	62,600	133,638
Saudi Arabia	--	--	--	14,753	14,753	27,670
Syria	--	--	--	8,609	8,609	15,049
Taiwan	3,957	7,800	--	24,823	36,580	52,823
Thailand	400	3,446	--	16,863	20,709	41,020
Vietnam	--	3,022	400	606	4,028	11,474
Other	--	--	--	1,855	1,855	2,592
Total	61,230	71,372	315,685	484,544	932,831	983,462
Africa:						
Congo	--	--	--	2,934	2,934	4,283
Egypt	--	--	--	139,002	139,002	121,033
Ethiopia	--	--	--	1,318	1,318	2,976
Ghana	--	--	--	1,508	1,508	1,945
Kenya	2,069	2,528	4,204	10,067	18,868	21,445
Liberia	--	--	--	2,412	2,412	5,790
Libya	--	50	--	8,477	8,527	12,948
Mauritius	--	--	--	1,278	1,278	1,182
Morocco	--	--	--	38,423	38,423	38,099
South Africa, Republic of	8,226	1,153	11,568	98,316	119,263	117,226
Sudan	--	--	--	3,042	3,042	4,323
Tunisia	--	--	--	4,969	4,969	4,922
Zambia, S. Rhodesia, and Malawi ...	408	860	4,500	1,710	7,478	11,719
Other	790	534	--	1,109	2,433	5,453
Total	11,493	5,125	20,272	314,565	351,455	353,344
Oceania:						
Australia	3,520	2,993	--	82,312	88,825	76,816
New Zealand	10,882	2,248	29,381	61,280	103,791	69,723
Other	--	280	--	464	744	2,196
Total	14,402	5,521	29,381	144,056	193,360	148,735
Grand total	509,767	297,075	1,446,610	4,061,577	6,315,029	6,094,023
Value (dollars)	524,253	765,978	497,864	4,305,928	6,094,023	6,094,023

CORN SEED (except sweet corn seed): U.S. exports by quantity and value,
July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965

Destination	:Quantity:	Value :	Destination	:Quantity:	Value
	: :	: :		: :	
	: 1,000 :	1,000 :		: 1,000 :	1,000
	: pounds :	dollars :		: pounds :	dollars
North America:	:	:	Europe (Continued):	:	:
Bahamas	8 :	1 :	Austria	21 :	2
Bermuda	5 :	1 :	Czechoslovakia	45 :	45
British Honduras ...:	8 :	2 :	Denmark	5 :	1
Canada	7,211 :	1,035 :	Greece	12 :	1
Costa Rica	17 :	2 :	Hungary	8 :	8
Dominican Republic :	10 :	1 :	Portugal	197 :	28
El Salvador	17 :	2 :	Spain	115 :	15
Haiti	1 :	1/ :	Sweden	4 :	1
Jamaica	283 :	34 :	Switzerland	13 :	2
Mexico	3,919 :	497 :	United Kingdom	18 :	2
Netherlands Antilles:	24 :	3 :	Total Europe	5,966 :	604
Nicaragua	36 :	4 :			
Panama	8 :	1 :	Asia:	:	:
Trinidad	3 :	1/ :	Israel	20 :	2
Total	11,550 :	1,583 :	Japan	269 :	45
South America:	:	:	Lebanon	8 :	2
Argentina	403 :	84 :	Malaysia	5 :	1
Brazil	2 :	1/ :	Philippine Republic :	5 :	1
Chile	45 :	4 :	Saudi Arabia	137 :	13
Colombia	5 :	1 :	Taiwan	10 :	1
Uruguay	7 :	2 :	Total	454 :	65
Venezuela	3 :	1 :			
Total	465 :	92 :	Africa:	:	:
Europe:	:	:	Egypt	90 :	17
EEC	:	:	Libya	3 :	1
Belgium	50 :	6 :	South Africa, Rep. ..:	77 :	9
France	895 :	103 :	Total	170 :	27
West Germany	2,768 :	230 :			
Italy	1,563 :	144 :	New Zealand	22 :	5
Netherlands	252 :	16 :			
Total EEC	5,528 :	499 :	Grand total	18,627 :	2,376

1/ Less than 500 dollars.

FLOWER SEEDS: U.S. exports by destination and values,
July 1, 1964 - June 30, 1965

Destination	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Pounds	Dollars	Pounds	Dollars
North America:			Europe (Continued)	
Bahamas	980:	1,492:	Denmark	33,731: 55,743
Bermuda	126:	596:	Finland	183: 654
Canada	21,601:	72,551:	Greece	581: 1,143
Costa Rica	104:	718:	Ireland	1,188: 1,188
El Salvador	172:	424:	Spain	1,253: 2,823
Guatemala	236:	1,736:	Sweden	27,534: 32,833
Honduras	301:	847:	Switzerland	3,764: 13,960
Jamaica	1,536:	5,856:	United Kingdom	70,741: 146,562
Mexico	1,774:	11,263:	Other	36: 452
Trinidad	106:	1,561:	Total Europe	318,045: 582,566
Other	8:	502:	Asia:	
Total	26,944:	97,546:	Bahrein	116: 284
South America:			Iraq	580: 2,294
Argentina	2,647:	4,390:	Japan	3,690: 11,776
Bolivia	380:	1,299:	Philippine Republic :	490: 1,186
Brazil	158:	552:	Saudi Arabia	118: 1,512
Chile	187:	723:	Other	138: 3,447
Colombia	796:	1,470:	Total	5,132: 20,499
Ecuador	314:	971:	Africa:	
Peru	335:	820:	South Africa, Rep. of:	11,047: 41,949
Surinam	1,389:	262:	Sudan	232: 296
Uruguay	100:	530:	Malawi, Zambia,	
Venezuela	2,543:	12,260:	S. Rhodesia	2,135: 2,577
Total	8,849:	23,277:	Other	20: 246
Europe:			Total	13,434: 45,068
EEC			Oceania:	
Belgium-Luxembourg:	2,951:	11,519:	Australia	18,658: 70,195
France	32,540:	70,867:	New Zealand	8,843: 37,825
West Germany	68,626:	94,290:	Other	18: 756
Italy	453:	2,930:	Total	27,519: 108,776
Netherlands	74,464:	147,602:		
Total EEC	179,034:	327,208:	Grand total	399,923: 877,732

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